

89. Property Returns by Officers.

Instead of forwarding to the General Accounting Office returns of public property intrusted to the possession of officers or agents, the Quartermaster General, the Surgeon General, the Chief of Engineers, the Chief of Ordnance, the Chief Signal Officer, the Paymaster General of the Navy, the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, or other like chief officers in any department, by, through, or under whom stores, supplies, and other public property are received for distribution, or whose duty it is to receive or examine returns of such property, shall certify to the General Accounting Office, for debiting on the proper account, any charge against any officer or agent intrusted with public property, arising from any loss, accruing by his fault, to the Government as to the property so intrusted to him. (Mar. 29, 1894, c. 49, #1, 28 Stat. 47; Aug. 24, 1912, c. 391, #3, 37 Stat. 591; June 10, 1921, c. 18, #304, 42 Stat. 24.)

90. Same; certificate as to lost property.

Said certificate shall set forth the condition of such officer's or agent's property returns, that it includes all charges made up to its date and not previously certified, that he has had a reasonable opportunity to be heard and has not been relieved of responsibility; the effect of such certificate, when received, shall be the same as if the facts therein set forth had been ascertained by the General Accounting Office in accounting. (Mar. 29, 1894, c. 49, #2, 28 Stat. 47; June 10, 1921, c. 18, #304, 42 Stat. 24.)

91. Same; manner of making.

The manner of making property returns to or in any administrative bureau or department, or of ascertaining liability for property, under existing laws and regulations, shall not be affected by sections 89 to 92 of this title, except as provided in section 89 of this title; but in all cases arising as to such property so intrusted the officer or agent shall have an opportunity to relieve himself from liability. (Mar. 29, 1894, c. 49, #3, 28 Stat. 47.)

92. Same; regulations.

The heads of the several departments are hereby empowered to make and enforce regulations to carry out the provisions of sections 89 to 92 of this title. (Mar. 29, 1894, c. 49, #4, 28 Stat. 47.)

93. General Accounting Office superintending recovery of debts.

The General Accounting Office shall superintend the recovery of all debts finally certified by it to be due to the United States. (July 31, 1894, c. 174, #4, 28 Stat. 206; June 10, 1921, c. 18, #304, 42 Stat. 24.)